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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including May 19, 2002 for responding to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2001. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$_110_.00 is enclosed herewith. [X]

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